

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-15 without prejudice, and add claims 16-36 as follows:

Claims 1-15. (Canceled)

1        16. (New) A method of operating a communication system  
2 including a secondary station for transmitting a message to a  
3 primary station, comprising:  
4        transmitting a preamble by said secondary station to said  
5 primary station and subsequently transmitting the message;  
6        transmitting by said primary station a signal including power  
7 control information after successful reception of said preamble;  
8        adjusting by said secondary station a level of said message in  
9 response to said power control information;  
10       terminating transmission of said message by said secondary  
11 station in response to detecting interruption of said signal; and  
12       retransmitting by said secondary station said message that had  
13 been terminated upon reception of said signal.

1           17.(New)   The method of claim 16, wherein said preamble  
2 includes a signature and said signal is transmitted over a control  
3 channel, said primary station being configured to select a  
4 channelization code for said control channel by reference to said  
5 signature.

1           18.(New)   The method of claim 17, wherein said channelization  
2 code is predetermined.

1           19.(New)   The method of claim 16, wherein said primary station  
2 is configured to select a scrambling code for said signal which is  
3 different to that used for some other downlink transmissions.

1           20.(New)   The method of claim 16, wherein said secondary  
2 station is configured to transmit a succession of said preambles at  
3 increasing power levels and at predetermined intervals until a  
4 reception of an acknowledgement from said primary station, and to  
5 transmit said message after said reception of said acknowledgement.

1           21.(New)   The method of claim 20, wherein transmission of said  
2 signal by said primary station constitutes said acknowledgement.

1           22.(New)   The method of claim 16, wherein duration of said

2 signal is substantially identical to or greater than duration of  
3 said message.

1 23.(New) A communication system comprising:

2 a primary station; and

3 a secondary station for transmitting a preamble and a message  
4 to said primary station;

5 wherein said primary station is configured to transmit a  
6 signal including power control information after successful  
7 reception of said preamble, and said secondary station is  
8 configured to adjust a level of said message in response to said  
9 power control information; said secondary station being further  
10 configured to terminate transmission of said message in response to  
11 detecting interruption of said signal, and to retransmit said  
12 message that had been terminated upon reception of said signal.

1 24.(New) The communication system of claim 23, wherein  
2 duration of said signal is substantially identical to or greater  
3 than duration of said message.

1 25.(New) The communication system of claim 23, wherein said  
2 preamble includes a signature and said signal is transmitted over a  
3 control channel, said primary station being configured to select a

4 channelization code for said control channel by reference to said  
5 signature.

1 26.(New) The communication system of claim 23, wherein said  
2 channelization code is predetermined.

1 27.(New) The communication system of claim 23, wherein said  
2 primary station is configured to select a scrambling code for said  
3 signal which is different to that used for some other downlink  
4 transmissions.

1 28.(New) The communication system of claim 23, wherein said  
2 secondary station is configured to transmit a succession of said  
3 preambles at increasing power levels and at predetermined intervals  
4 until a reception of an acknowledgement from said primary station,  
5 and to transmit said message after said reception of said  
6 acknowledgement.

1 29.(New) The communication system of claim 23, wherein  
2 transmission of said signal by said primary station constitutes  
3 said acknowledgement.

1           30.(New) A communication system including a secondary station  
2 for transmitting a message to a primary station, said communication  
3 system comprising:

4           means for transmitting a preamble by said secondary station to  
5 said primary station and subsequently transmitting the message;

6           means for transmitting by said primary station a signal  
7 including power control information after successful reception of  
8 said preamble;

9           means for adjusting by said secondary station a level of said  
10 message in response to said power control information;

11           means for terminating transmission of said message by said  
12 secondary station in response to detecting interruption of said  
13 signal; and

14           means for retransmitting by said secondary station said  
15 message that had been terminated upon reception of said signal.

1           31.(New) The communication system of claim 30, wherein  
2 duration of said signal is substantially identical to or greater  
3 than duration of said message.

1           32.(New) The communication system of claim 30, wherein said  
2 preamble includes a signature and said signal is transmitted over a  
3 control channel, said primary station being configured to select a

4 channelization code for said control channel by reference to said  
5 signature.

1 33.(New) The communication system of claim 30, wherein said  
2 channelization code is predetermined.

1 34.(New) The communication system of claim 30, wherein said  
2 primary station is configured to select a scrambling code for said  
3 signal which is different to that used for some other downlink  
4 transmissions.

1 35.(New) The communication system of claim 30, wherein said  
2 secondary station is configured to transmit a succession of said  
3 preambles at increasing power levels and at predetermined intervals  
4 until a reception of an acknowledgement from said primary station,  
5 and to transmit said message after said reception of said  
6 acknowledgement.

1 36.(New) The communication system of claim 30, wherein  
2 transmission of said signal by said primary station constitutes  
3 said acknowledgement.